

Guitar Pentatonic Box 1

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1. This is a Pentatonic Scale "Box" for Guitar. In Theory, it is the 4th "Mode" of a C Pentatonic scale. Starting on the G, or 5th tone, of the C scale, it is very versatile. Play the first 3 measures.

8

G A C D E

T
A
B

3 5 3 5 7

2. CROSSOVER-POINT. Switch from the 5th string to the 4th string at the 5th fret. Notice that you are playing the same scale in the next octave up.

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8

G A C D E

T
A
B

5 7 5 7 9

3. CROSSOVER-POINT 2. Here is the same scale played on strings 2 and 1.

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8

G A C D E

T
A
B

8 10 8 10 12

4. Now, play the scale DESCENDING.

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8

E D C A G

T
A
B

12 10 8 10 8

13

8

G A C D E

T
A
B

9 7 5 7 5

Musical notation for measures 16-18. Treble clef, 8/8 time signature. Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5. Staff 2: TAB with fret numbers 7, 5, 3, 5, 3.

19 5. Now, try moving the rhythm around. Start with 8th-notes.

Musical notation for measures 19-21. Treble clef, 8/8 time signature. Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5. Staff 2: TAB with fret numbers 3, 5, 3, 5, 7, 5, 7, 9, 8, 10, 8, 10, 12.

Musical notation for measures 22-24. Treble clef, 8/8 time signature. Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5. Staff 2: TAB with fret numbers 12, 10, 8, 10, 8, 9, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 3, 5, 3.

6. Now, try a "Swing" rhythm.

Swing

Musical notation for measures 25-27. Treble clef, 8/8 time signature. Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5. Staff 2: TAB with fret numbers 3, 5, 3, 5, 7, 5, 7, 9, 8, 10, 8, 10, 12.

Musical notation for measures 28-30. Treble clef, 8/8 time signature. Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5. Staff 2: TAB with fret numbers 12, 10, 8, 10, 8, 9, 7, 5, 7, 5, 7, 5, 3, 5, 3.

7. If you played all the above you are ready to move on. A good way to jam with this scale would be to pick out a "Backing track in A" from YouTube and play this scale along with the track.

Musical notation for measure 31. Treble clef, 8/8 time signature. Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5. Staff 2: TAB with fret numbers 3, 5, 3, 5, 7, 5, 7, 9, 8, 10, 8, 10, 12.